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MERRITT & SORENSEN. 'BULBS OF MERRITT'.  
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1940 RETAIL PRICE LIST FOR DAHLIA TUBERS. To get the best results from your Dahlia tuber be sure you buy from a reliable dealer, then follow given directions. 'BULBS OF MERRITT' are sold only to those dealers who want you to have the best results. Dahlias like the sun. Plant  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft. apart and 6 in. deep in sandy soil or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - 4 in. deep in heavy soil. Large flowering types usually need support so after laying the tuber flat with eye up drive your stake near the neck, firm well and cover with soil. (Pompoms and miniatures do not usually need support). Water well at planting then sparingly if any until the shoot appears (about 4 weeks). when watering may be resumed. If the shoot does not show investigate, remembering that too much water or water pockets will cause tubers to rot. Start cultivating soon after shoot appears, the fibrous roots are near the surface. When buds appear you may start fertilizing and dis-budding if you want long stems. Those fertilizers which contain phosphates and potash are best, such as 'PLANT-CHEM', although compost, manure or peat help to feed the plant and to retain the moisture.

Abbreviations indicating classifications-I.D., informal decorative; FD, Formal decorative; SC, semi-Cactus; B, Ball; Min, Miniature.

AMBASSADOR (SC) - Soft amber pink and salmon, yellow centre.....	\$ 1.00
AMELIA EARHART (SC) - Apricot buff shading to orange .....	.75
AMERICAN LEGION (ID) - Soft yellow .....	.75
ANGELO ROSSI (FD) - Large flowers of soft orange yellow .....	1.00
ARCTURAS (ID) - Red and gold with yellow reverse. Good Keeper ..	.50
AZURA (ID) - Rosy lilac - bluish violet sheen, good stems .....	2.00
BAGDAD (ID) - Flaming scarlet .....	.75
BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (C) - finest white produced to date .....	1.50
BALLET GIRL (C) - Orange tipped white .....	.50
BEN HASKINS (C) - Golden yellow .....	2.00
BERGER'S JEWELL (C) - White tinted lavender .....	1.00
BETTE DAVIS (SC) - Clear violet rose. Consistent Prize Winner ..	1.25
BETTY COLTER (ID) - Large salmon red. A beautiful flower .....	.75
BIG BEN (B) - Bright red. A show dahlia and a Good Keeper .....	.40
BLACK DIAMOND (B) - Deepest Maroon, almost black .....	.40
BLACK JACK (ID) - Deep Maroon on long stems .....	.50
BLUE RIVER (FD) - The nearest to a blue dahlia .....	1.00
BUCKEYE KING (FD) - Glowing amber yellow. Wins many prizes .....	.75
CALIFORNIA IDOL (ID) - One of the finest yellow. (Gold Medal) ...	1.00
CAMEO (FD) - Coral pink .....	.75
CAPRICE (ID) - Golden yellow shading to pink. Best Keeper .....	.50
CAROLINE HAMILTON (SC) - Pink and gold .....	.75
CALVACADE (FD) - Deep rose. A good cut flower .....	.75
CHAMPOEG (ID) - Waxy yellow-shades to rose red .....	.60
CHAS. G. REED (ID) - Perunia red .....	.75
CIRCE (C) - Pink with white center, pointed petals .....	.60
CLARA CARDER (ID) - Cyclamen pink. A show and garden winner ...	1.50
CLARA CLEMENS (B) - Bright red - tipped white .....	.50
C. M. STEGMAN (C) - Dark maroon on fine stems .....	.75
CONQUISTADOR (SC) - Creamy yellow with pink glow .....	.50
DAN CORNISH (B) - Dark red .....	.50
DOROTHY STONE (ID) - Large and beautiful pink .....	1.00
DIXIE RAVENSCROFT (ID)-(SC)- Russet orange - bright gold reverse	.75
DRESDEN (FD) - Lavender .....	.50
EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (FD) - Mallow pink to silver .....	.60







EL GRANADA (SC) - Orange with gold reverse	.75
ELEGANCE (SC) - Golden yellow	1.00
ELINOR VANDEVEER (FD) - Rose pink on stiff stems. Heavy bloomer	.40
EMILY DUNCAN (C) - Pink with white tips	1.00
ESMOND (B) - Yellow	.50
FULL MOON (ID) - Immense canary yellow	.75
FOREST FIRE (ID) - Scarlet suffused golden yellow	1.00
FRANK HAVENER (B) - Royal purple	.50
FRANK SERPA (ID) - Pale amaranth pink of two tones effect	.75
FRANK BRACHT (SC) - Light yellow	.75
GALAXY (C) - Golden buff - specked crimson. Unusual	1.00
GERTRUDE EDERLE (SC) - Giant primrose yellow on fine stems	1.00
GLORY OF LYONS (B) - Pure white	.50
GOLDEN AGE (SC) - Amber. A Best Keeper	1.50
GOLDEN STANDARD (SC) - New golden buff shaded amber and gold	.75
GREATER GLORY (C) - Beautiful rose pink	1.50
HILLCREST MANDARIN (ID) - red and yellow	.50
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (ID) Cerise purple. Honor Roll	.75
H. R. S. (ID) Golden yellow	.50
IVORY (ID) - Creamy white	.40
JANE COWL (ID) - Bronzy buff and old gold. Still a favorite	.40
JEAN TRIMBEE (SC) - Rich petunia violet	.50
JERSEY'S DAINTY (C) - White tinged with glisteny lavender	.75
KATHLEEN NORRIS (ID) - Light pink. A Prize Winner	1.00
KAWEAH (ID) - Deep cerise	.75
KAY FRANCIS (SC) - Large yellow	1.00
KEMP'S WHITE WONDER (ID) - Beautiful white	.75
KING ALFRED (ID) - Ruby red with silver reverse	2.00
LA FIESTA (ID) - Gold striped orange. Good for landscape	.75
LAWRENCE TIBBITS (ID) - Salmon	.75
LEIDEN'S BRONZE (C) - Best bronze	1.50
LORAC (C) - Pink with white reverse	1.50
LORD OF AUTUMN (ID) - Deep yellow. A Best Keeper	1.25
MABEL ELIZABETH (FD) - New pure white on stiff stems	2.00
MARGRACE (ID) - Red with gold reverse	.75
MARION BROOMALL (SC) - Violet rose shading lighter at tips	1.00
MARYLAND GLORY (FD) - Orange shades crimson carmine	.50
MDM. MARIE AGNOSTAKA (B) - Pale pink with darker centre	.50
MIDWEST CHAMPION (ID) - Pink	1.00
MILTON J. CROSS (ID) - Golden bronze. Blooms 14 to 15 in. across	1.25
MISS GLORY (SC) - Soft apricot yellow. Free and early bloomer	1.50
MISS GRACE NEILL (FD) - Buff	5.00
MISS OHIO (C) - Lilac suffused deep rose pink	1.75
MINNIE MARDEN (C) - Remarkable flower of coral pink	.50
MONMOUTH CHAMPION (FD) - Flaming scarlet orange on good stems	.50
MRS. A.B. SEAL (ID) - Rich glowing old rose on good stems	.60
MRS. BRUCE COLLINS (C) - yellow	.75
MRS. CHAS. G. REED (FD) - Pure white	.50
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (ID) - Deep crimson on long stems	.75
MRS. IDA CHASE (C) - bright lemon yellow and spinal pink	2.00
MRS. HERBERT O'CONNER (ID) rosy pink shading deeper	2.00
MRS. R. B. HAMILTON (SC) - Large white	.50
MRS. RUFUS DAWES (ID) - Rose pink	.75
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (ID) - Dark red, never burns in the sun	1.00
OAKLEIGH MONARCH (FD) - Best cerise red of immense size	1.00
ORIENTAL BEAUTY (SC) - True pink with twisted petals	.75
ORIENTAL GLORY (ID) - Orange overlaid with scarlet	.75
PALO ALTO (SC) - Salmon and gold	.75
PHYLLIS HARPER (ID) pink with lavender sheen	.75
QUEENA (SC) - New buff shade	1.00
QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (FD) - Primrose yellow	.50



1.00	.....	QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BRISTOL (ID) - Yellow
1.00	.....	QUEEN (SC) - New buff shade
1.00	.....	PHYLIS HARRIS (ID) pink with lavender
1.00	.....	PALO ALTO (SC) - Salmon and gold
1.00	.....	ORIENTAL GLOOM (ID) - Orange overlaid with scarlet
1.00	.....	ORIENTAL BEAUTY (SC) - Two pink with white petals
1.00	.....	ORANGE MONARCH (ID) - Best border red of lavender also
1.00	.....	MURPHY'S M. STEPHEN (ID) - Dark red, never turns in the sun
1.00	.....	MRS. ROBERT DAVIS (ID) - Rose pink
1.00	.....	MRS. R. B. HAMILTON (SC) - Large white
1.00	.....	MRS. HENRY O'CONNOR (ID) - Very pink shading deeper
1.00	.....	MRS. L. A. CHASE (C) - Bright lemon yellow and apical pink
1.00	.....	MRS. G. B. BOUTWELL (ID) - Deep crimson on long stems
1.00	.....	MRS. CH. S. G. BIRD (ID) - Pure white
1.00	.....	MRS. FRANK COLLINS (C) - Yellow
1.00	.....	MRS. A. H. GIBB (ID) - Rich glowing old rose on good stems
1.00	.....	NONMOUNT CHAMPION (ID) - Flaming scarlet orange on good stems
1.00	.....	VIVIANE WARDEN (C) - Remarkable flower of coral pink
1.00	.....	MISS GALE (C) - Lilac suffused deep rose pink
1.00	.....	MISS GRACE HILL (ID) - Buff
1.00	.....	MISS GLOVE (SC) - Soft apricot yellow, free and early bloomer
1.00	.....	WILSON J. CROSS (ID) - Golden bronze, blooms cold in season
1.00	.....	HIGHEST CHAMPION (ID) - Pink
1.00	.....	M. M. MARIE AGOSTAKA (B) - Pale pink with darker center
1.00	.....	MARYLAND GLOOM (ID) - Orange shaded crimson carmine
1.00	.....	MARION BROOKS (SC) - Violet rose shading lighter as tips
1.00	.....	MASSACHUSETTS (ID) - Red with gold reverse
1.00	.....	MABEL ELIZABETH (ID) - New pure white on stiff stems
1.00	.....	LODGE OF AUTUMN (ID) - Deep yellow, A Best Keeper
1.00	.....	LODGE (C) - Pink with white reverse
1.00	.....	LINDEN'S BROWN (C) - Best bronze
1.00	.....	LAWRENCE TIBBETTS (ID) - Salmon
1.00	.....	LAURENCE (ID) - Gold striped orange, good for landscape
1.00	.....	LAURENCE (ID) - Ruby red with silver reverse
1.00	.....	KEMP'S WHITE WONDER (ID) - Beautiful white
1.00	.....	KAY FRANCIS (SC) - Large yellow
1.00	.....	KAYMAN (ID) - Deep carmine
1.00	.....	KATIE'S DAIKITY (C) - White tinged with lilac lavender
1.00	.....	JANE TIMMER (SC) - Rich purple violet
1.00	.....	JANE C. L. (ID) - Bronze buff and old gold, still a favorite
1.00	.....	IVORY (ID) - Creamy white
1.00	.....	J. B. S. (ID) Golden yellow
1.00	.....	HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (ID) - Corolla purple, Honor Hall
1.00	.....	WILLOW'S LAMARIN (ID) - Red and yellow
1.00	.....	ORANGE GLOOM (C) - Beautiful rose pink
1.00	.....	GOLDEN STANDARD (SC) - New golden buff shaded amber and gold
1.00	.....	GOLDEN AGE (SC) - Amber, A Best Keeper
1.00	.....	GLOOM OF LYONS (B) - Pure white
1.00	.....	GEORGE'S BORDERS (SC) - Giant primrose yellow on fine stems
1.00	.....	CADACE (C) - Golden buff - associated crimson, Universal
1.00	.....	FRANK FRANK (SC) - Light yellow
1.00	.....	FRANK BAKER (ID) - Pale amaranth pink of two tones effect
1.00	.....	FRANK RAVEN (C) - Royal purple
1.00	.....	POWELL'S (ID) - Scarlet suffused golden yellow
1.00	.....	PINK MOON (ID) - Immense creamy yellow
1.00	.....	EMERALD (B) - Yellow
1.00	.....	EMERALD GLOOM (C) - Pink with white tips
1.00	.....	EMERALD WINTER (ID) - Rose pink on stiff stems, Heavy bloomer
1.00	.....	EMERALD (SC) - Golden yellow
1.00	.....	EMERALD (SC) - Orange with gold reverse



RED LION (FD) - Crimson	.50
ROSEMARY (B) - Pure white	.50
RUBY TAYLOR (FD) - Large flower of velvet carmine	.50
SADKA (FD) - Fine pink	.50
SATAN (SC) - Brilliant carmine - touch of gold	.50
SNOW QUEEN (B) - Pure white. Good cut flower	.50
SHILLER (C) - Rich cerise	1.50
SONNY BOY (ID) - Giant rose and gold on long stem	1.00
SPOTLIGHT (ID) - Pale sulphur yellow. Twisted petals	.75
TAHOMA, (B) - Shell pink with white tips	.50
THE COMMODORE (ID) - Lemon yellow on good stems	.75
THE FIREMAN (ID) - Cardinal red with gold tips	.60
THOS. EDISON (FD) - Royal purple with velvet sheen	.50
TREASURE ISLAND (FD) - Apricot and gold with rose suffusion	1.25
WAWONA (ID) - Buff	.50
WENOKA (ID) - Apricot and rose	1.00

#### POMPOM DAHLIAS

25c each; 6 for \$ 1.25

AIMEE - Tiny bronze, long stem	LOLITA - Yellow, brownish eye
BANTAM - Brownish red, small	LLOYD HICKMAN - old rose, long stem
CHEERFULNESS - Old gold, tips crimson	MAJOR - Old rose
CLARA HARSH - Cream yellow, red blend	MARY MUNNS - Fuschia, orchid sheen
DEE DEE - Small lilac lavender	NELLIE FRAZIER - White, tipped pink
EDWARD - Cherry red, perfect blooms	PHYLLIS - Yellow edged red
GIRLIE - Rosy lilac, long stems	ROSA WILMOUTH - Rose pink, long stems
GLOW - Light old rose	ROSEBUD - pink, shading to white
JOE FETTE - best pure white	TOMMY KEITH - crimson tipped white
TOM THUMB - Tiny garnet	YELLOW GEM - Pure yellow, excellent

#### POMPOM DAHLIAS

35c each; 6 for \$ 1.75

BEE BEE - Dark pink shading lighter	GERTRUDE - Glowing carmine red
BETTY ANN - Lovely soft violet rose	JOHNNIE PEPPIN - Small crimson red
BOSSY - Pure lavender, compact	LITTLE BEESWING - Gold edged red
DANDY - small perfect orange	MARIETTA - deep rosy crimson
DAREDEVIL - Apricot buff, old rose	MRS. TAKA - Deep canary yellow
DAISY - Warm salmon rose	PINK LADY - rose pink, deeper eye
DAWNING - White, flushed sheep pink	RUBY - Ruby red
DIMPLES - Golden apricot, brown center	SUNSET - small bright orange
DONALD GORDON - burnt orange	TAKA'S PURPLE - Bright phlox purple
FLASH - Red, tips turn orange	" YELLOW - Deepest yellow
EUNICE - White, edged lavender	HELEN ANITA - Lavender, white center

#### POMPOM DAHLIAS

50c each; 6 for \$ 2.50

ANNA VON SCHWERIN - Shell pink	DARKEST OF ALL - Maroon, almost black
CANDY KID - Gold, suffused amber pink	MORNING MIST - White, rosy lavender

#### POMPOM DAHLIAS 1940 INTRODUCTIONS 75c each; 6 for \$ 3.75

MARIE - New lavender on long stems	RED HEAD - good red, does not burn
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#### MINIATURE (M) : COLLARETTE (COL.) : SINGLE

ABERDEEN (M.C) - Bright ox blood red	.60 ea,
BABY ROYAL (M.SC) - (England) - Salmon pink shaded apricot	.35 "
BOY BLUE (M.C) - Purple	.75
BRIDAL BOUQUET (M.C) - White	.75







CAROL CHANNING (M) - Deep apricot and yellow, perfect form ..	\$1.50 ea.
CORONNE (M.FD) - Waxy white resembling a gardenia .....	.50
ELIZABETH PAPE (M.C) - Rosy salmon pink .....	.35
GAIETY (M.D) - Red tipped white .....	.50
GARDEN LOVE (M.SC) - Rose pink .....	.75
GOLDEN CALIFORNIA - Yellow and amber, salmon shading .....	.75
GOLDEN SUNSET (M.C) - <u>1940 INTRODUCTION</u> Yellow, gold border .	3.50
IRENE (M.C) - Old rose shading to pink .....	.35
JACKSON (M.C) - Black .....	.75
KROONHILDEE (M.C) - Pink and white .....	.75
LITTLE DREAM (M. C) - Pink with white tips, very dainty ...	.50
" JEWELL (M.C) - Clear delicate pink .....	.35
" PEARL (M.D) - (EUROPEAN) - Lovely rose pink .....	.50
" SNOW QUEEN (M.C) - (HOLLAND) - Pure white, One of best .	.50
MARJORIE EMBERSON (ENGLISH) - soft clear pink .....	.75
PELICANI (M.C) - Bright red on strong stem .....	.35
PERSIMMON - Soft russet orange .....	.50
RHODA (M.SC) - Salmon rose, lavender sheen .....	.50
TEDDY BEAR (M) (HOLLAND) - Blood red-duplex petals .....	.50
TWINKLE (ORCHID) - Tyrian rose and white .....	.75
WHISPER (M.C) - Canary yellow .....	.50
WINE DROP (M.D) - Tiny wine colored on excellent stems ...	.50
ABE HUGENARD (COL.) purple and white, White collar .....	.50
DIOMEDE (COL.) - Carmine and white, lighter collar .....	.50
FROGMORE (COL.) - Scarlet and yellow, yellow collar .....	.50
NARANJA (SINGLE) - Pure orange .....	.50
UNION JACK (SINGLE) - Red petals, white stripe .....	.75

We have tried to price our Dahlias fairly. In case, however, our prices are thought to be out of line in comparison with other reputable dealers for the same high quality tubers, we should be glad to be advised and given an opportunity to meet the market prices.

Our Dahlia displays at Treasure Island won for us the coveted 'CERTIFICATE OF MERIT', presented by the State of California. To the many who visited our growing grounds, for their kind inquiries and words of commendation, for the praise from those who saw our displays in the 'Hall of Flowers', we say 'Thanks A Million'. You, too, can grow beautiful Dahlias. Why not place your order to-day while our stocks are complete.

Terms: Postage prepaid on orders for \$ 1.00 or more when cash accompanies the order. On smaller orders add 15c. All California buyers please add 3% for sales tax. No C.O.D. orders please.

Discounts: After your order is all made up and the above terms taken care of you may select additional tubers to the extent of 10% on orders from \$ 2 - to \$ 5; 15% on orders from \$ 5 to \$ 25; 20% on orders from \$ 25 to \$ 50; 25% on orders from \$ 50 up.



